



ISSUES/DESCRIPTIONS REPORT

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WSBK-TV Boston

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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

PROGRAM INDEX

WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38 – WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38 is the market's only broadcast newscast available at 9:00 p.m. Anchored by Kate Merrill, the newscast delivers a contemporary half-hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance to the community. There may also be Special Projects Reports, I-Team and Curiosity. In addition, issues related to government, politics, business, financial issues, corruption and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts.

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Business and Political:

10/01/10

Karen Anderson reports that Independent gubernatorial candidate, Tim Cahill, loses his running mate, Paul Loscocco, who resigns from the race for lieutenant governor.

10/06/10

Karen Anderson reports that Congressman John Tierney's wife pleads guilty to tax fraud charges.

10/08/10

Jonathan Elias reports that Independent gubernatorial candidate Tim Cahill files lawsuits against former staffers following the abrupt resignation of his running mate, Paul Loscocco. Additionally, Eileen Curran reports that Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner is seen driving his car with a suspended license.

10/11/10

Kate Merrill reports that the cost of parking at some parking lots near Fenway Park may be increased.

10/15/10

Karen Anderson reports that President Obama is scheduled to come to Massachusetts to campaign for Governor Deval Patrick.

10/19/10

Kate Merrill reports on proposed renovations to Fenway Park.

10/20/10

Karen Anderson reports on a Cape Cod woman who has accused congressional candidate, Jeff Perry, of doing nothing when she was assaulted by a police officer who was under Perry's supervision at the time.

10/26/10

Eileen Curran reports that a candidate for state treasurer, Karyn Polito, is accused of securing coveted Red Sox license plates for her family and friends.

11/01/10

Christina Hager reports on Governor Deval Patrick's campaign stops and strategies so close to the election.

11/04/10

Kate Merrill reports on the new XBOX Kinect "Dance Revolution."

11/22/10

Christina Hager reports that gas prices are expected to rise for the holidays.

11/23/10

Ron Sanders reports on “Small Business Saturday,” an event being initiated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and how local businesses plan to participate.

11/26/10

Jim Armstrong reports that “Black Friday” is a shopping bonanza for local businesses.

11/30/10

Paula Ebben reports on popular holiday gift ideas and ways to get the best buys on the latest trends.

12/01/10

Bill Shields reports that the Boston City Council voted 11-1 to expel councilor Chuck Turner who was convicted of federal corruption charges.

12/15/10

Kate Merrill reports on the growing trend of marketing cosmetic products to men.

12/21/10

Jim Smith reports that lack of snowfall is hurting area ski resorts because they are seeing fewer skiers and less revenue.

12/23/10

Paul Burton reports that too few parking lots and spaces at area shopping area are keeping shoppers away and hurting stores’ revenue.

Health and Medical:

10/12/10

Eileen Curran reports that New Kids On the Block singer Joey McIntyre is working with the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary to help raise awareness of hearing impairments.

11/10/10

Jim Armstrong reports on a new study that examines why college students tend to gain weight even after the infamous “freshman fifteen.”

12/17/10

Kate Merrill reports on an Essex woman who donated part of her liver so her husband could get a life-saving transplant at the Lahey Clinic.

12/20/10

Kate Merrill reports on a little boy's need for platelets and his family's crusade to raise awareness about platelet donation, why it is different than blood donation, and why it is so important.

12/23/10

Jim Armstrong reports on a Tuberculosis scare at Worcester elementary school after a teacher is diagnosed but does not disclose the diagnosis for weeks.

Law, Safety and Security:

10/04/10

Jonathan Elias reports that the body of a missing grandmother from Vermont is discovered.

10/05/10

Ken Macleod reports that a Salem woman is saved from choking by a stranger.

10/07/10

Eileen Curran reports that new DNA evidence links two brutal crimes in Cambridge.

10/14/10

Beth Germano reports that police officials say they are having a hard time enforcing the law banning texting while driving.

10/15/10

Christina Hager reports that Boston Police are scheduling extra patrols in the North End of Boston to eliminate wild parties in the neighborhood.

10/18/10

Ken Macleod reports on the shooting death of Easton's DJ Henry, who was student in New York and killed by New York police. Additionally, Bill Shields reports from Easton on reaction by Henry's family and friends.

10/21/10

Christina Hager reports on a Quincy convenience store worker who was zapped by a robber with a laser stun gun.

10/22/10

Beth Germano interviews family members of DJ Henry who speak for the first time about the young man's shooting death. And, Bill Shields reports that NY Police have a different account of the shooting than the victim's family.

10/25/10

Peg Rusconi reports that the trial in the murder of a New Hampshire mother, Kimberly Cates, begins in Nashua, NH.

10/27/10

Beth Germano reports that David Cates, the husband of the murdered Kimberly Cates, takes the stand in the trial.

11/03/10

Beth Germano reports that a home in Hyde Park explodes after a gas line is hit by work crews.

11/08/10

Ken Macleod reports that an incident of “road rage” results in assault and arrest when one driver stabs another on a Boston-area highway.

11/11/10

Peg Rusconi interviews jurors who convicted Steven Spader in the murder trial of New Hampshire mother Kimberly Cates.

11/12/10

Beth Germano reports on a Hingham woman who is facing severe community criticism after her racial tirade on a postal worker went viral.

11/15/10

Beth Germano reports that Massachusetts law makers intend to ban the controversial alcohol and caffeine beverage “Four Loko.” And Karen Anderson reports on a local cab driver who refused to let out his passenger because he said she would not pay the fare, and the driver was arrested for kidnapping.

11/16/10

Jim Smith reports that state officials are investigating the safety of the Water Ball amusement ride after a Kingston girl is seriously injured.

11/17/10

Ken Macleod interviews a great-grandmother from Lynn who is beaten and robbed but maintains her positive and inspiring attitude.

11/19/10

Peg Rusconi reports on an Arlington cobbler who shut down his shop and stole all of the shoes he had for repair.

11/22/10

Karen Anderson reports that football players and coaches at Agawam High School are suspended after freshman players expose hazing practices.

11/24/10

Jim Armstrong reports on the controversy over TSA safely screening methods, and he travels to New York to go through the screenings first hand.

11/29/10

Paul Burton reports on an elderly woman who is assaulted and robbed in Manchester, NH.

11/30/10

Beth Germano reports that Congress reverses the ten year ban on guns being stowed on passenger trains.

12/03/10

Beth Germano reports that two women are attacked within a 24-hour period in Brookline.

12/08/10

Christina Hager reports that the family of a Northeastern University student who is killed in a hit-and-run pleads for help to find his killer.

12/09/10

Bill Shields reports that munitions are found on a beach on Martha's Vineyard.

12/13/10

Karen Anderson reports that Christmas packages have been stolen from numerous doorsteps in a neighborhood of Charlestown.

12/14/10

Jim Armstrong reports on eight Clinton High School students and football players charged in the beating death of an Assabet High School senior.

12/15/10

Christina Hager reports that the search for a missing Gloucester man is suspended by police despite his family's objections.

12/17/10

Bill Shields reports on home break-ins in the Swampscott and Marblehead communities where robbers are invading even though the occupants are at home.

12/20/10

Joe Shortsleeve reports on robbers who broke into a Toys-for-Tots storage unit taking thousands of toys that were donated to be given to underprivileged children at Christmas.

12/28/10

Ken Macleod reports on skiers who fell from a ski lift at Sugarloaf Mountain after the lift line snapped. Additionally, Kate Merrill reports on a nurse and an ambulance driver who went to great lengths to rescue a baby during the height of a blizzard.

Community and Culture:

10/05/10

Kate Merrill reports on a local Patriots fan who won a truck as part of a football challenge game after Brandon Tate returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

10/11/10

Jim Smith reports how environmental crews and community members are working to save shoreline on Plum Island that is eroding due to severe weather conditions.

10/13/10

Karen Anderson reports on a group of local soldiers stationed in Afghanistan who are playing a hockey game to raise money for a local high school player who was paralyzed.

10/14/10

Ron Sanders reports on an unemployed man from Taunton who is helping to clean up area cemeteries.

10/21/10

Kate Merrill reports on a seal trapped in Boston's Charles River

10/25/10

Eileen Curran reports on a retiring Tewksbury High School soccer coach who is honored by past and present students for his 35-year career.

10/27/10

Ron Sanders reports on a grandmother from Fitchburg whose cannot afford to rent a vehicle big enough to drive her five grandchildren while her recalled Ford mini-van is being repaired.

11/04/10

Christina Hager reports that officials in the city of Somerville want to ban the controversial alcohol and caffeine beverage "Four Loko."

11/05/10

Bill Shields reports on a young boy from Leicester who won a Halloween costume contest and donated his winnings to help the local fire department.

11/10/10

Christina Hager reports that the City Manager of Worcester is asking the President of Holy Cross College to crackdown on off-campus parties.

11/19/10

Paul Burton reports from New Hampshire's O'Neil Theatre on the first moving "Motion Seats" to be installed in a movie theatre in the Northeast.

11/24/10

David Wade reports on a Framingham turkey farm that is forced to close after 35-years because a road construction project is preventing customers from getting to the farm

11/25/10

Karen Anderson reports on a Melrose man who hosts his own, free Thanksgiving dinner for homeless people and anyone else who would otherwise be alone and wants to join.

11/30/10

Bill Shields reports on rare turtles that are being rescued by The New England Aquarium.

12/02/10

Bill Shields reports on a teenage grocery store bagger from Braintree who has been chosen to compete in national bagging competition in Las Vegas.

12/08/10

Jim Smith reports that officials from Charlestown had bike lanes on Main Street removed because they were not consulted by Boston officials when the lane project was approved.

12/13/10

Joe Shortsleeve reports that Newton residents may be required to shovel walkways and sidewalks or face fines. Additionally, Kate Merrill reports on the Bentley University Women's Basketball coach who is heading toward her 800th win.

12/16/10

Jim Armstrong reports that letters to "Operation Santa" at the South Boston Postal Annex show that children seem to understand financial limits this year and that the youngsters are tempering their requests

12/21/10

Karen Anderson reports that officials have approved a \$1.3 billion redevelopment plan for the city of Quincy.

12/22/10

Peg Rusconi reports that The Devotion School in Brookline plans to return the Pledge of Allegiance to the school day and wants parents to sign permission slips to do so.

12/28/10

Jim Armstrong reports that severe weather and two multi-alarm fires have devastated the town of Scituate.

12/30/10

Paul Burton previews Boston's First Night New Year's celebration and fireworks.

Non-News Programming:

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What’s in Our Community?

11/02/10: One Mission is a childhood cancer foundation dedicated to enhancing the lives of pediatric cancer patients and their families, and the organization is getting ready to host their winter fundraising gala “Wines from Around the World.” Founder and Executive Director Ashley Haseotes talks about One Mission’s critical community outreach and how the gala revenue will support that outreach.

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